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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL
INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Section 201 of Executive Order No. 10893, dated November 8, 1960, dealing with the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended, reads as follows:

"Section 201. Functions of Chiefs of United States Diplomatic Missions. The several Chiefs of the United States Diplomatic Missions in foreign countries, as the representatives of the President and acting on his behalf, shall have and exercise, to the extent permitted by law and in accordance with such instructions as the President may from time to time promulgate, affirmative responsibility for the coordination and supervision over the carrying out by agencies of their functions in the respective countries."

This section is not intended to supersede existing arrangements with respect to foreign intelligence activities, which are governed by National Security Council intelligence directives and other pertinent directives, regulations, and procedures.

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TO THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES:

I have today signed an Executive order which is designed to carry out the provisions of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended, and to provide for the administration of United States activities in foreign countries. I wish to direct particular attention to Part III of the order. The coordination and supervision of these activities is a most vital aspect of the conduct of our foreign affairs.

It is my desire that all appropriate steps be taken to assure that the Chief of the United States Diplomatic Mission is effective in discharging his role as the representative of the President. Therefore, I am instructing that, to the extent permitted by law and within the framework of established policies and programs of the United States, the Chief of Mission shall have and exercise affirmative responsibility for the coordination and supervision of all United States activities in the country to which he is accredited. It is expected that particular emphasis will be given to the following in the exercise of this authority: (1) the Chief of Mission will take affirmative responsibility for the development, coordination, and administration of diplomatic, informational, educational, and trade activities and programs; economic, technical and financial assistance; military assistance; and the disposal of surplus agricultural commodities abroad; (2) the Chief of Mission will assure compliance with standards established by higher authority, and will recommend appropriate changes in such standards and suggest desirable new standards, governing the personal conduct and the level of services and privileges accorded all United States civilian and military personnel stationed in the foreign country and report to the President upon adherence to such standards, and (3) the Chief of Mission will establish procedures so that he is kept informed of United States activities in the country. He will report promptly to the President as to any matter which he considers to need correction and with respect to which he is not empowered to effect correction.

In order that there be full understanding of the above, it is my desire that the Chief of Mission be made fully aware of his responsibilities and authority with respect to United States activities, in the country to which he is assigned, under today's order and this memorandum. Not only should instructions be issued to the

United States Missions; provision should also be made for complete instruction in these matters before a new Chief of Mission assumes his duties at his post. It is the responsibility of each agency concerned to participate in the indoctrination of each Chief of Mission and take steps within the agency to instruct its personnel as to the authority of the Chief of Mission and as to the necessity of keeping him fully informed concerning current and prospective program and administrative activities.

Steps should also be taken to provide the Chief of Mission with the necessary staff assistance so he can fully carry out the assigned tasks. The Director of the Bureau of the Budget is requested (1) to take the lead, in consultation with the Department of State and other interested agencies, in developing the most appropriate method of providing the required staff facilities at the country level, and of establishing such arrangements in Washington, as may be necessary to enable each Chief of Mission to carry out effectively his responsibilities as the representative of the President, and (2) to present to the President appropriate recommendations with respect to such facilities and arrangements.

The following prior Presidential documents (related to the subject of this memorandum or of today's Executive order), to the extent not previously rendered obsolete or otherwise inapplicable, are hereby superseded:

1. The June 1, 1953, memorandum regarding the reorganization of the Executive Branch for the conduct of foreign affairs.
2. The memorandum of three heads of departments and the Director for Mutual Security concerning the reorganization of the Special Representative in Europe, which was approved June 16, 1953.
3. The November 6, 1954, letter concerning Executive Order No. 10575, etc.
4. The April 15, 1955, letter to the Secretary of State concerning the establishment of the International Cooperation Administration, etc.
5. The July 24, 1956, memorandum concerning administration of overseas functions.

6. The November 19, 1959, memorandum concerning reports required by sections 111(a) and 111(b) of the Mutual Security Appropriation Act, 1960.

This memorandum shall be published in the Federal Register.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dwight D. Eisenhower", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.